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In re application of: Neeman et al.**Application No.** 10/588,863**Filed:** October 23, 2007**Confirmation No.** 4074**For:** VENOUS FILTERS**Examiner:** Michael G. Mendoza**Art Unit:** 3734**Attorney Reference No.** 4239-83726-03**FILED VIA EFS
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Responsive to the Statements of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated September 7, 2010, Applicants comment as follows. Applicants agree that the claims 1-7, 14, and 20-29 are allowable and that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the language of the respective claims. Applicants note that, for each of the allowed claims, the Examiner sometimes uses language not identically appearing in the claim or omits language from the claim. To the extent that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance use language not identically appearing in a respective claim, omit language from that claim, or construe language from that claim, the claim is not limited by such language, omission, or construction. Instead, the actual language of each claim speaks for itself. Further, Applicants note that the claims may be patentable not only for reciting the elements identified by the Examiner, but for reciting other elements that provide alternative independent bases for patentability. Applicants also note that the dependent claims are allowable for reasons similar to those for which their respective parent claims are allowable, as well as for the unique combinations of features recited in each respective dependent claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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